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## Commanders Corner.

**101 Cards. Have Arrived!** If you have passed the ES test and have achieved the Curry exam (cadets) or Level I (Seniors) you will be issued a 101 card tonight!

**Chaplain alert!** As you know our Chaplain has accepted the job as Director of Cadet Programs. Talk up CAP with your favorite Minister and invite him to a meeting!

**We bid farewell** to Captain Andrew "Ace" Browning this month. He served as DCOC and unit Historian. He has requested transfer to a unit an hour closer to his home location. Join me in wishing him well in his new assignment as ES officer. I think our final winter "March" a perfect send off for an excellent officer. By the time you read this our final paperwork should be submitted for Mrs. Kerr and former Cadet Gregory Wood. Please Welcome them. 18 Cadets and 6 Seniors (with some inactive) on the current MML. Lets work on these numbers. Motivate inactive members and lets keep our eyes out for good recruits!

**Leadership:** Making the transition to a leadership position is one of the biggest, most important moves you will probably make. When a flight member becomes a leader he or she must make some very basic changes. The Cadet sergeant suddenly has to understand a different role and do a different job. And, just to make it a little tougher, the move causes changes in some support systems that the flight member has been using. As a flight member you got better ratings by just working harder or working smarter. Not any more! Now you have to get others to work harder or smarter. That means that your TEAM decides your destiny and that they have the power because what they do has a direct bearing on how you do. At the same time, you possess a lot more influence. What a sergeant does matters. What the sergeant pays attention to, the team pays attention to. It's called leadership by example, and you don't get a choice about whether you set an example or not. The ONLY choice is about what kind of example you set.—**Cadet Prose**



## 130th Farmington Composite Squadron

**Aerospace:** Robert H. Goddard: American Pioneer. The father of modern rocket propulsion is the American, Dr. Robert Hutchings Goddard. Along with Ziolkovsky or Russian and Oberth of Germany, Goddard envisioned the exploration of space. A physicist of great insight, Goddard also had a unique genius for invention. In 1914, Goddard received 2 US patents. One for a Rocket using Liquid Fuel and another for a two, three stage rocket using solid fuel. His classic work entitled "A Method of Reaching Extreme Altitudes" changed the way the world thought about Rockets.

Born: Worcester, Mass Oct 5 1882

Died Aug 10 1945

Education B.S. Degree Worcester Polytechnic Institute 1908; MA Clark University, 1910; Ph.D. Clark University 1911

**Cadet Reynolds**

**The new Director of Cadet Programs for MN Wing Don Mikitta invites you to a planning meeting. Where? the St. Cloud Armory. When? At 9:00am Monday December 28th. The meeting is open to all CAC reps, Cadet Commanders, and Deputy Commanders for Cadets, of each squadron. Bring \$5.00 for a pizza lunch. We should be done between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Please contact myself or Don Mikitta (DMikitta@rdw.tec.mn.us) if you plan on attending.**

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**FROM: MINNESOTA WING / CV**

**TO: GROUP THREE PERSONNEL**

**LTC. Pat Slice is stepping down as the Group Three Commander. Any senior that has an interest or would like more information on this position, contact Dale Hoium at 651-388-6476.**

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**TOP 10 WAYS PARENTS CAN GET INVOLVED WITH CAP--By 1LT Steven M. "LT" Lewis,**

For those of you parents who have wondered how you could get more involved in the CAP experiences of your cadet sons and daughters, here is a list of some of the most common and effective approaches/means/ways[?]. Don't worry, no pressure--we just wanted to make sure that you knew all the options available to you, and that you are very welcome to participate in the CAP as your particular schedules and resources allow.

1)COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR SON/DAUGHTER: Communicate regularly with your cadet son or daughter about such things as: his or her goals with the squadron and organization, likes & dislikes, problems, unit rules & procedures, upcoming & past activities, relationships with other unit personnel, and awards & promotions.

2)COMMUNICATE WITH KEY SQUADRON STAFF PERSONNEL: Also interact with your cadet's leaders, including, but not limited to: the Squadron Commander, Deputy Commander for Cadets, Leadership Officer, Moral Leadership Officer, Cadet Commander, and direct cadet supervisor.

3)THIS REGULAR UNIT NEWSLETTER: Published monthly, with articles discussing unit activities and policies.

4)PARENTAL ACTIVITY PERMISSION SLIPS: The use of permission slips serves the double duty of not only acquiring parents' permission for cadets to participate in various activities, but also ensures that parents know about the various activities in question. This process helps to make sure that cadets only get involved with CAP events after their parents have been informed first.

5)REGULAR PROMOTION/AWARDS CEREMONIES: These ceremonies give you an opportunity not only to proudly recognize your own cadet son's or daughter's personal accomplishments within the program, but also to learn about the various types of awards available to members of the organization and to stay abreast of the activities and accomplishments of the people with whom your cadet works.

6) OCCASIONAL OPEN UNIT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, such as squadron holiday parties and the annual Group Dining Out awards banquet.

7)OCCASIONAL OPEN UNIT TRAINING

ACTIVITIES, such as Cadet Protection Training (CPT), First Aid, and CPR. CPT, child abuse awareness training, is especially recommended for parents of CAP cadets, and is required for all senior members before they can participate in the organization.

8)PARENTS' COMMITTEE: To help plan activities, advise the CC (Squadron Commander) on cadet morale, and provide activity logistical support (transportation, refreshments, entertainment).

9)CADET SPONSOR MEMBERSHIP: Take the Parents' Committee one step further, and become an actual card-carrying member. Cadet Sponsor Members are parents of CAP cadets who assist with Cadet Programs, but have the added benefit of a distinctive CAP uniform that comes with being a member of the organization themselves.

10)ACTIVE SENIOR MEMBERSHIP: Of course, especially-interested parents of CAP cadets are invited to join and become full-fledged active senior members of the organization. Senior members participate regularly in unit meetings and activities, hold ongoing staff positions of leadership and responsibility, earn military-style rank, wear uniforms, and generally get the "full effect" of being in a voluntary USAF auxiliary. Being a senior member allows a person to get involved in other areas besides just the Cadet Program, such as Search & Rescue and Disaster Relief, Amateur Radio Communications, Aerospace Education, Public Affairs, and Administration & Personnel. We hope that the above list has helped you to get at least a little more involved with the Civil Air Patrol and with the activities of your own cadet son or daughter. While we understandably can't all necessarily afford to contribute as much as some people, any amount of support that you are able to lend would be immensely beneficial to and greatly appreciated by the squadron and organization as a whole. Your help with the unit is also help for your own child, and \*vice versa\*.

**HOOORAH! TIGERS!!!**